Cedar Hill,
Anacostia, D.C.

March. 23. 1888.

My dear Friend Robert Adams:

I hope it is not too late to thank you for your kind and thoughtful birth day letter. I have happily received a good many of such letters - but none which touched me more deeply than yours. Do you know that yours was the first eyes that beamed kindly upon me in Fall River seven and forty years ago? My dear old friend, I shall never forget that look of sympathy you then gave me. I was then only three years from slavery. I had not fully realized the possibility that a white man could recognize a colored man as a man and a brother but I saw such recognition in your face - and have ever since, in sunshine and in storm, felt safe in your friendship. Helen joins me in kind remembrances to you and Mrs Adams. We are both glad to have your Photograph to look upon. Always your friend

Frederick Douglass

J. L. Whitney
Nov. 20, 1935
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Dear friend Limerick 10th nov. 1845

Your litter does not inform me when the great meeting is to take place in Bermingham. I cannot therefore say whither I could attend it or not. You may however inform Mr. Cadbury that my arrangements are such as to deprive me of the pleasure of attending I now think my best plan will be to proceed immediately to Scotland from this-(Joining Buffum in ~~at~~ Dublin) As to accompanying Friend Wright- I think it unwise to do so,- I by no means agree with him as to the importance of discussing in this Country the disunion

question, and I think our difference
in this matter would prevent that
harmony necessary to success.
Beside Friend Wright has ~~created~~
against himself^prejudices^ which I as an abolitionist
do not feel myself called upon to withstand.
My mission to this land is purely an - Anti
Slavery one, and although there are
other good causes which need to be
~~advocated~~, I think that my duty calls
me ~~strictly~~ to the question of Slavery.
I am qualified for this, if I am for any
things, and it would be idle for me
to attempt becoming any thing else
at least under present circumstances.
Friend Wright is identified with doc_
trines for which I do not wish to
seem responsib~~ble~~ - He is truly reformer
in general; I only claim to be a man of one idea.

I should nevertheless be delighted to see him and talk the matter over with him,

Please remember to Mrs Webb

Truly

Yours

F Douglas

P. S. Please write me what you think of the above conclusions.

Yours truly

F. D.

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